

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 9, 2009 has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 1-17 and 19-21 are pending in this application. Claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 are allowed, claims 5 and 11-15 are objected to, and claims 1-4, 6-10 and 21 are rejected. With this paper, claims 5, 6, 11, 12 and 21 are amended and claims 1-4 and 10 are canceled, so that claims 5-9, 11-17 and 19-21 now remain pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 4), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Allowable claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 1-4 (i.e. the base claim and intervening claims). No new matter has been introduced by way of amendment. Subsequently, claims 1-4 have been canceled. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 5, as amended, is allowable in accordance with the indication of allowability by the Office.

Claims 6-9 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tore in view of Beukema. Claim 6 is amended to be dependent from claim 5, rather than canceled claim 1. No new matter has been introduced by way of amendment. As amended, claims 6-9 ultimately depend from claim 5 and require additional features not required by claim 5. Claim 5, as amended, is allowable. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 6-9 are also allowable at least in view of their dependencies.

Claim 11 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 10), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Allowable claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 1 and 10 (i.e. the base claim and intervening claims). No new matter has been introduced by way of amendment. Subsequently, claims 1 and 10 have been canceled.

Claims 12-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 is amended to be dependent from claim 11, rather than claim 9. No new matter has been introduced by way of

amendment. As amended, claims 12-15 ultimately depend from claim 11 and require additional features not required by claim 11. Claim 11, as amended, is allowable. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-15 are also allowable at least in view of their dependencies.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tore in view of Beukema. Claim 21 is amended to include the features of claims 2-4 and allowable claim 5. No new matter has been introduced by way of amendment. Claim 5, as amended, is allowable. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 is also allowable.

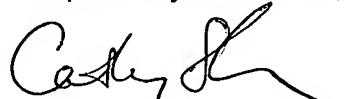
Claims 16-17 and 19-20 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 5, 6, 11, 12 and 21 comply with the statement made in the final Office Action (see section 7) and are not believed to require any new examination. As such, these claim amendments are believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited.

For all the foregoing reasons it is believed that claims 5-9, 11-17 and 19-21 are in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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